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THE KING'S BUSINESS REQUIRETH HASTE

A Clean up Campaign on Every Line Should be Launched in Preparation For The Coming of The King of Kings

JESUS OUR MODEL IN DEALING WITH EVIL

Every Saint Should Stand Firm at His Post Without Wavering

There never was a time when special preparation should be made on every line as there is now. Every saint should feel the weight of the responsibility, knowing that what God commands us in this world He is going to demand at the judgement. Many things look plausible to the human that will not stand the light of the judgement.

We should follow the example of our Lord and take our stand for the right, though it may displease the majority. It is said that it is best to take our stand for the right, though we may be in the minority, than to take our stand for the wrong and be with the majority.

"And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; and said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up. Then answered the Jews and said unto them, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. But he spake of the temple of His body." John 2:13, 19, 21.

The beautiful springtime was at hand and all nature jubilant over the bright golden rays of sunshine that was warming up the earth. The buds were bursting and the beautiful flowers unfolding and sending forth their fragrance to bless humanity. The birds were singing their beautiful songs of springtime and the forest was beginning to put on her green robes of summer. The roads from every direction leading into the holy city were thronged with humble saints who were on their way to keep the passover. As they drew near to Jerusalem the songs of the pilgrims would reverberate the air, amid the joyous shouts, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go up unto the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within their gates, O Jerusalem."

In the midst of the throng a strange man of Nazareth was going to Jerusalem for this notable occasion. As they drew near to the temple where they were to pay their vows to Jehovah, these glorious songs of praises must have been disturbed and

the spirit of these holy saints grieved, when they heard the noise of the grafters, rather than the uplifting prayers of peace and communion with Jehovah. There were the cries of the merchantmen and the bickering of those who came to buy.

Jesus went into the temple and found the merchantmen sitting at their desks waiting the arrival of the next pilgrim on whom they might practice their extortion and deceit. The temple of the Lord that had once been dedicated to the service of God with the most solemn ceremonies; the place where God was to come down and meet with His people; where the mighty tides of His glory used to flow; where the good free spirit of God used to prevail and the heavenly atmosphere to pervade was being misused contrary to its original intention and purpose. Instead of being used for a place of humble devotion and true worship, it was being used for a place of extortion and fraud.

Little by little they forgot the thought of God and began to swerve from the right way. No doubt they thought that a slight deviation would not be hurtful or displeasing to God. The opportunity for temporal gain or the accumulation of wealth was more than they could turn down. The love of money has wrecked many great men. Prosperity in temporal things is not to be construed as prosperity in spiritual things. The most spiritual are some times the poorest in this world's goods, but are rich in faith and are heirs of the kingdom.

Viewing the unfavorable and unholiness situation, Jesus at once launched a clean up campaign by making a scourge of small cords and driving them out with their sheep and oxen and doves. He poured out their money and turned over their tables and gave them orders to clear things out at once and not make His Father's house a house of merchandise. They raised the question as to His authority for such action but He gave them a fearless reply and proceeded with His clean up campaign.

These men whom Jesus so severely rebuked were possibly doing the right thing in the wrong way and at the wrong place. It was very necessary for some one to keep and offer for sale, sheep, oxen and doves for the temple sacrifice and service. It was also right for those who did so to receive a reasonable profit or compensation for their service. The business of the money changers was a legitimate one, but it was carried on in the wrong way and at the wrong place. Their dealings

were accompanied by extortion, fraud and sharp bargains and they were using the temple contrary to the purpose to which it was built. This was the place where the pilgrims were to draw near to the God who said from between the cherubim of glory He would come down and commune with them.

We cannot afford to play with the things of God or think lightly of His orders and directions. We are not permitted to misuse that which He said was holy unto the Lord. We have not the authority to misapply the things entrusted to us contrary to their intention and purpose. We may undertake to console ourselves that it is all for the Lord and His Church, yet He will not hold us guiltless for the misuse of the principles of the covenant that binds us together. The cry of the orphan will be heard in that day against those who have not been true to the trust committed to them. It was the bleating of the sheep and the lowing of the oxen that condemned Saul, and his reckless disobedience that caused God to reject him from being King, yet Samuel cried all night because it happened.

Jesus gives an example for those who would deal with corrupters of righteousness. We often hear it said that we must always manifest the spirit of Jesus. I am sure this is the right thing to do but it would be well for us to consider the spirit that He manifested on this occasion. Smiles and soft words are to be appreciated in their proper place, but there comes times when we must take a firm stand and be emphatic. We could hardly conceive the idea that Samuel approached Saul with a smile and soft pliable words that would have a tendency to cause him to think that His disobedience was only a slight deviation from the accepted principles but we rather believe he opened the matter up to him with strong and emphatic words and told him that because he had disobeyed God and rejected Him that God had rejected him from being King, yet at the same time it grieved his heart so much that he wept and cried all night.

Jesus on many other occasions condemned corrupt practices in plain terms easy to be understood. Peter looked the guilty mob in the face and told them what they had done in such strong terms that it was almost like thunder out of a clear sky. Our Lord severely condemned these grafters and upset their offices by turning over their tables and giving them orders and commands to be observed without delay. There are some people, no doubt, who would like to blot out this picture from the life of our Lord and there are many living in these days who would accuse Him of manifesting a bad spirit and say that He acted rashly and hastily, but He was only cleaning up and getting ready for a better day.

He enforced the neglected law in putting a stop to their corrupt practices. If the laws of

our land were strictly observed and enforced we would have a much better country to live in. Many good laws have been enacted by our lawmaking bodies that are laying almost dormant, having never been put into force or effect. There are many who believe in law enforcement and good government until it begins to interfere with the course that they wish to pursue. It may be we have some in the Church who believe in good system, good order and good government until it begins to effect their personal inclinations, then they are not so favorable. Some favor good government, if they can be permitted to be the governor. They find themselves unable to submit to others as they wish others to submit to them, but what is good for one is good for others, so let us submit ourselves one to the other in the fear of God. That rebellious nature that refuses to allow others to submit themselves one to the other, will cause them to disobey God and thereby disturb their relation with Him. There are special blessings that come to those who are willing to be humble and submit themselves to others. This is a grace that is much to be admired.

We have the privilege of willingly submitting ourselves to each other and observing the government of God, or having the rules of government applied to us. The former is much to be preferred. It has been repeatedly asserted that you can't make men good by legislation or reform them by applying the law. Nevertheless, there are more people who live sober moral lives than there would be if there were no restraining rules. They say the wicked fleeeth when no one is pursuing him, but it is said that he makes better time when he knows that some one is after him.

Jesus was willing to take this stand for the right, regardless of the opinion of friends. Some easy going fellows might have told Him that He would ruin Himself and His standing with the people and He would never amount to anything if He did that way, but He was willing to stake His all on the right thing and contend for truth and righteousness. We can afford to do the same. It is always best for us to stand for the right, though we may be in the minority, than to stand for the wrong and be in the majority.

They questioned His authority. Those who are disturbed in their wrong doing are always ready with false insinuations. By what authority do you interfere with our business—that same spirit is in the world today. They question the authority of every one who interferes with their course, right or wrong, and they always know a better way that matters could have been dealt with. Almost invariably when an individual has to be excluded from the church for some offense, he finds fault with the action of the church, that he was unfairly dealt with and he criticises the pastor, the board of deacons, the clerk, and every

THE FINAL RALLY, THE CLOSING OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE CAMPAIGN, SET FOR MAY 6, EVANGEL DAY

Every one who for any reason failed to contribute in the early part of this campaign now has the opportunity of sharing in the blessings that are to follow.

The overseers in the various States are showing special interest. Please read the following articles from the overseers of West Virginia and Missouri.

Every church is advised to take a special offering on that day for this purpose so that we may be sure to go over the top as the campaign closes on that day.

THE LOYAL STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA KNOWS NO DEFEAT

To the Loyal State of West Virginia:

I am glad the state of West Virginia knows no defeat when it comes to progression. We made great advancement last year in membership and property value, possibly the best of any state where the Church of God is established. We have followed the saying, "Charity begins at home" and have put forth great efforts to bring our home state to the front.

We now have an opportunity to extend our charity further than the hills of West Virginia.

The Evangel which has been going over many states for years has been creeping along under the burden of debt. Its circulation has increased but who knows what she might have done if she had been free from the burden of debt.

The campaign is still on and West Virginia must do her part. Many have helped but, no doubt, you feel inclined to do more. Then there are some churches who have failed to do anything so far. Now is the time for them to rally to the front.

I earnestly appeal to every pastor and district overseer in the state to make a special drive to finish paying off the Publishing House debt and put the Evangel over the top. Use your own method to raise the money but do the best you can.

E. L. Simmons, state overseer.

A CALL TO THE STATE OF MISSOURI

To the Churches of God in Missouri—Greetings and Love to Every One of You in Jesus' Dear Name:

I find in going over the state and visiting the different churches that the interest in the Evangel drive has not been manifested as it should have been. This little White Winged Mes-

senger is the property of every one of the members of the great Church of God. (The Church we all love with our whole heart.)

Now, if we owned a house or farm and it was mortgaged and the mortgage was about to close wouldn't we do our very best to hold the property and try to raise the money to save it? Yes, I am confident we would.

The Evangel is not simply a piece of property as I have described alone but it is a messenger carrying the everlasting gospel of peace unto hundreds of homes every week and being read by thousands of people who never take up a Bible to read. Thus, it brings salvation to many hungry souls that otherwise would not read the precious Word of God.

The old adage is, "We are from Missouri and we have to be shown."

Well, we have been shown—now will we act? I truly believe we will. Missouri has always done her part and we must not fall this time.

I suggest that every church in the state that has not responded to the call, set apart the first Sunday in May as a special Evangel day and let every one either bring or send their offering (no matter how small or how large) to the nearest Church of God and that all the offerings on that day be especially for the Evangel.

Let each member that has not already responded give not less than one dollar on that day and let us make this a banner day for the Church of God Evangel.

Let every committeeman and member work hard and see that every church in Missouri does her best to put the Evangel out of debt. Then I believe we all can raise a shout of victory. Don't forget Sunday, May 6 as a banner day for the Church of God Evangel in Missouri! I have confidence in Missouri, knowing that she will do her best. May God bless every one of you real good.

J. M. Viney, overseer, Cantwell, Mo.

It is said that two men were in a rough woodland. One was further up the hill than the other and suddenly without warning

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help us make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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EDITORIAL

We appreciate the interest that our ministers and workers are manifesting in increasing the circulation of the Evangel. If this effort could be made more general, wonderful results would follow. Let every one do their best in soliciting subscribers and earn some of the valuable prizes offered.

All of our ministers should make special effort to solicit students for the Bible Training School by Correspondence under the able management of F. J. Lee, Superintendent. He has some special propositions for active workers. Write him for particulars.

We are very sorry for the unexpected delay in the Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual As-

sembly. They are now being rushed through to completion. We will be able to fill all orders within the next ten days. Let us know your requirements and let every minister make a special effort to circulate these minutes.

We are also ready to fill orders for the combined book of minutes, which includes a brief history of the Church since 1816 and especially the general assemblies including the first and thirteenth. We have in stock the fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth minutes in pamphlet form. In this way you can get the full history up to, and including the last Assembly for \$2.25. This is a valuable treasure of information and should be in the hands of every member of the Church of God. The book of minutes only, is \$1.25. Send us your order at once.

BATTLEFIELDS

I went to Barnabus, W. Va., and delivered eight messages. Seven were saved and six received their baptism. I then went to my appointment at Sunbeam, W. Va. One was saved and came into the Church, reports Mary A. Ferree, Big Creek, W. Va.

Just closed a three weeks meeting at Mayo Junction with victory. God confirmed His Word. One was saved, three sanctified, four received the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water and five came into the Church. Many others were blessed, reports Mrs. J. B. Daniels, O'Brien, Fla.

Brother M. Gullett, our pastor, has just closed a ten days meeting here with great success. Nine were saved, six sanctified, two were filled with the Holy Ghost and three were added to the Church.

Our state overseer, Brother E. C. Scarborough, was with us two nights. He gave out the Word with power. Mrs. Prada Lillard, Tyrone, Ark.

A Needy Field

Brother John Burk, our state overseer, began a revival at Leonard, Okla., March 11, and preached fourteen nights.

The Lord wonderfully blessed Brother Burk in giving out the Word. The saints shouted, talked in tongues and handled hot lamp globes and stove lids.

Four came into the Church and there are others to follow. There are many hungry hearts here that are looking this way. This is a needy field. We feel that Brother Burk has sown many good seed and eternity only will reveal the good that has been done in this community.

Brother Merriel's (the worker that was with Brother Burk) testimonies and prayers touched the hearts of many. We are expecting them back soon.

We give God the glory for all that was accomplished.

Sallie Martin,
Leonard, Okla.

Another Victory for the Church of God

We have just closed a two weeks meeting at Arjay, Ky.

The Lord blessed from the very first. The Word was given out with great power and demonstration.

Brothers Joe Daniel and Mullins were in charge. The singing services were fine.

Good interest was manifested. Two were saved, some sanctified one baptized with the Holy Ghost, twelve were added to the Church and eight were baptized in water. Their membership was taken to Straight Creek, Ky.

We established a prayer meeting one night in a week, also a Church of God Sunday School.

Charles Boles, clerk,
Straight Creek, Ky.

Be Strong in the Lord

Dear Readers of the Evangel in Maryland—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

While I am not with you people and cannot discharge my duty as a state overseer on account of me being in the far north but I will sound a note of praise and instruction through the little White Winged Messenger, the Evangel.

I am sorry I was forced to leave the state but it was on account of ill health and other hard circumstances. We want to say that God is blessing us here, although the weather has been somewhat cold to hold revival meetings.

We expect to open up an evangelistic campaign against sin and the devil at Zap, N. Dak., March 29. So pray that God will give us souls for our hire.

Dear saints, I want to admonish you as a brother in the great Church of God to stand strong in the Lord and in the power of His might for we are living in perilous times when men are deceiving and being deceived. So it behooves us to keep a good fresh Penecostal experience burning

in our souls to be able to compete with the power of the enemy that surrounds us day after day.

Oh, that men and women everywhere would be men and women for God. The Word of God says, "Fear not little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:32. Let us be strong in the Lord. Bless His name forever.

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Eph. 6:10-12.

Let us hold together for where there is unity there is strength. If we are strong we will be able to rule this world with a rod of iron and also walk on streets of pure gold as transparent glass. Bless the Lord. Brethren, buckle the armour on a little tighter and let us enter into this conflict with renewed courage.

We are not fighting for our earthly heritage in particular but for the saving of lost souls and a home in glory. Thank God forever.

We mean to keep wrestling on until we gain our heritage in glory.

The folks that are now white in heart, red blooded and sky blue will never retreat. Glory to God forever! But we will keep marching on and on and some of these days we will be in Caanan's land where we can have a feast of good things. If we will only be strong. We will reap in due season if we faint not. Saints, pray for us and may God keep you strong. Your humble brother in Jesus.

Paul H. Walker,
Box 324, Golden Valley, N. Dak.

REQUESTS

L. N. Coleman, Gilbert, La., desires prayer for himself and wife. She is seeking the Holy Ghost.

Angeline Fanin, Naugatuck, W. Va., desires the saints to pray for her son to be saved.

Richard Norris, Bude, Miss., requests prayer that he may receive the Holy Ghost soon.

E. L. Simmons, Huntington, W. Va., desires prayer that his wife may be healed. Her case is serious.

Mrs. Lizzie Kingston, asks all the Christian people to earnestly pray that she will be completely healed of a goitre.

Mary Norris, Bude, Miss., desires prayer that she will do the Lord's will and that her husband will receive the Holy Ghost.

R. Y. Maddox, Huntsville, Ala., requests prayer that she may be healed and that her family may be saved before it is too late.

Tom Jackson, Swanquarter, N. C., requests prayer of all God's children that he will do God's will and for the people of this community.

Murkey Box, Nettleton, Miss., requests prayer that her arm may be healed and that God will send a Church of God preacher to that place.

Miss Maggie Rollinson, Liberty, Miss., requests prayer of the saints that her father, mother and brothers will receive the Holy Ghost before it is too late.

J. B. Hutchings, Doyle, Tenn., age 79 years, asks the saints to pray that he will receive all that God has for him and that he will be healed of several bodily ailments.

Ora Lee Patterson, McMinnville, Tenn., desires the saints to pray that her husband will be saved before Jesus comes and that she may be a shining light for Him.

Celia Pippins, Lawton, Okla., requests prayer that she may be completely healed and that her husband and children will come this way. Also pray for the Church there.

J. C. Shamon, Dodd City, Tex., asks prayer of all the saints that he may cut loose from the world and receive the Holy Ghost and that he will spend the rest of his life working for the Lord.

Tamar Cantrell, Crandale, Ga., desires prayer that she will stay humble and true and do what the Lord would have her do and that her father and brothers will come this way.

Mrs. M. M. Hutchings, Doyle, Tenn., desires the saints to pray that her friends will come into the fold before it is too late and that the Lord will open up a way this summer for her and her husband to attend services.

Boulah Henderson, Ackerman, Miss., requests the saints to pray that she will stand true to God and raise her little children in the way the Lord would have them go. She has a little girl that can't hear. Pray for her also.

He Answered Our Prayer

A few of the dear saints here held on to God in prayer and asked Him to send us a man filled and thrilled with the love and power of God, one that would fight the devil on every side.

At last He answered our prayers by sending our state overseer, E. C. Scarborough to us.

Brother Scarborough began a few

days meeting Feb. 19, 1923. He preached four nights which put the sinners to pondering over the Word of God and the saints to seeking a deeper experience.

The services were continued by Brother Charlie Coats and wife and Brother John McCullan of Poplar Grove, Ark.

During the first part of the meeting we had bad weather and the crowds were small but during the latter part much interest was taken. There were 2 saved, 2 sanctified and 2 were filled with the Holy Ghost and 1 was added to the Church for which we give God all the glory.

On Mar. 12 our state overseer was back with us and preached three deep sermons, Dancing Belonged to God but the Devil Stole It, Signs of the Times and The Mark of the Beast. God surely gave these messages for great conviction settled over the congregation and hard hearted men were made to wonder and say, "Surely it came from God for we never heard such sermons before at this place." God is surely working here.

The saints are more settled this year than before. There is some drifting off but God said in His Word that there would be a falling away before His coming.

Nearly every member is bringing his tithe into the storehouse and God is pouring out His blessings on us. We need to get more of His Word planted in our hearts and more of His love to win this world for Jesus. Pray for the church and our overseer that God will lead us deeper in His love.

Your sister in Jesus,
Edna Malone,
Box 147, Haynes, Ark.

More Room Needed for the Church of God

The revival closed at Quicksand, Ky., with success. The power of God was demonstrated in many ways.

The altar was full every night for five weeks. Seven were saved, three sanctified and three received the Holy Ghost.

Brother Muncy was with us the first two weeks and did some good preaching. Brother Gains was with us one week and gave out the Word with power and many were convinced that this is the right way.

The devil was stirred and began to warn people to stay away from the Church of God. There is a difference between the Church of God and the other churches here. The other churches can't get a crowd to preach to and the Church of God can't get a place big enough to hold the people.

Russell Huff, pastor,
Ravenna, Ky.

There Is Power in the Blood

Brother Bun E. Hicks began a meeting here, Feb. 1, and continued until Feb. 7. He did some good preaching but had to abandon for a while on account of some surrounding disturbances.

One night after we came from service my head was hurting me very much. It had been hurting several days but was worse at this time. We had prayer and I was anointed according to James 5:14 and got some better. Later I grew worse and my husband wrote a letter to Cleveland, Tenn., requesting prayer for me. I got well and have not been sick since. Oh, praise God, for His healing power!

On March 13 Brother Hicks and our state overseer, E. L. Simmons, came back and opened fire on the enemy. Brother Simmons was with us two nights and did some real good preaching.

We all enjoyed his preaching but on account of sickness he had to go home. He left Brother Hicks in charge.

None were saved during this meeting but the seed were sown and we are looking forward to the time when there may be a Church of God set in order at this place.

During the first meeting husband and I got saved. We ask the saints everywhere to pray that we may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost according to the promises of our loving Savior in Acts 2:4. Also pray for the unsaved at this place.

Your humble sister in Christ,
Sarah Beckett,
Grippe, W. Va.

Desires a Closer Walk With God

To All the Saints—Greeting in Jesus' Name:

I want to praise God this morning for salvation that is free. We all ought to thank God more for His sweet blessings. I am so glad I am on the sunny side with Jesus this morning. When I got the Holy Ghost it put me on praying grounds and pleading terms with my Savior. Bless His sweet name.

Beloved it means something to go through with Jesus. The dear Lord has promised us life if we would endure to the end. I thank Him because I have a love in my heart for Him and lost souls. Oh, I want to live closer to my Savior and be ready when He calls me home. Over there I'll know no sorrow, troubles will be forgotten and no tears will ever dim my eyes in that land. And there I will be with Jesus for ever more. The dear Lord is wonderful to me.

I want all who read this to pray for me and my loved ones that are trying to serve Jesus for if we miss heaven we have missed it all.

Your humble sister in Christ,
Ollie E. Pierce,
Rosine, Ky.

ORPHANAGE REPORT FOR MARCH

Lillian Kinsey

From Mrs. Chas. Cowley, Oak Hill, W. Va.:

2 woolen princess slips; 1 small pr. pajamas; 4 small pr. pants; 1 small pr. overalls; 4 small waists; 1 small sweater; 1 small pr. leggings; all worn. 1 new tam.

From Kelt Pittman, Edgerton, W. Va.:

1 pr. slippers; 2 pr. hosp.; 1 pr. garters; 3 doz. buttons; 1 pr. pants; 1 tablet; 10 hair pins; 3 1/2 yds. black sateen; 3 pieces gingham 11 yds.; 2 pieces percale 4 yds.

From Tampa Fla.:

7 yds. tissue gingham; 5 yds. cotton plaid material.

From Julia Brady, Tarpon Springs, Fla.:

2 towels; bundle quilt pieces.

From M. M. Sullivan, Tarpon Springs, Fla.:

2 towels; bundle quilt pieces.

From M. M. Sullivan, Sydney, Fla.:

1 good pr. worn shoes.

From Mrs. A. Hancock, Vero, Fla.:

1 pr. new pants; 1 boy's new waist; 1 new underwaist; 2 doz. buttons; 1-5 lb. can cocoa; 1 lb. box corn starch; 2 spools thread; 5 teaspoons; 1 bundle quilt pieces.

From Webb McAnally, Johnson City, Ill.:

2 pr. new hose; 10 ink tablets; 1 worn white dress; 1 worn wool midy; 6 pr. new hose; 1 yd. gingham; 5 yds. percale. Some of this was given by Mrs. E. A. Williams and Madge Williams, 1007 N. Holland St., Johnson City, Ill.

From Lucy Turner, Snowville, Va.:

1 worn wool dress; 1 pr. scissors.

From W. C. Wood, Clarion, Va.:

16 school books; Verna Hensley, bundle quilt pieces.

From Mrs. Mollie Sisk, Poplar Camp, Va.:

20 lbs. dried apples; by orphanage committee.

From Morgantown, Miss. the following:

Sisters of the church—1 quilt.

Mrs. J. C. Dunnaway—3 yds. gingham.

Mrs. W. N. Morgan—1 boy's romper suit.

Sedgie Morgan—1 romper; 1 wash suit.

Mrs. B. J. Morgan—1 child's dress; 1 lady's unionsuits.

Mrs. H. T. Morgan—1 undervest.

Mrs. Lillian Boyles—1 pr. teddies.

Mrs. Hettie Poole—1 towel.

Mrs. Dottie Morgan—1 towel.

Mrs. Ruby Price—1 towel.

Mrs. Clarice Sumner—1 towel.

Mrs. Julia Mammont—1 boy's worn wash suit.

Brother P. F. Fritz—1 yd. sheeting.

Mrs. Ellen Morgan—1 pr. hose.

Mrs. Lula Morgan—2 yds. gingham; 2 yds. outing; 2 doz. buttons; 1 worn apron; 9 oz. box dried apples.

Luther Cook—1 boy's worn coat.

From Mr. John Pie, Atlanta, Ga.:

1 doz. pencils.

From Hazlehurst, Ga. Church, the following:

Mrs. Dubose and daughter, Addie Mae Smith, Mrs. L. B. Byrd, 2 sheets; 4 pillow cases; 4 new gingham aprons.

Mrs. R. S. Hipps—3 pr. panties; 4 hdkts.

Mrs. S. J. Heath—3 bars toilet soap; 1 can talcum powder.

From Miss Emily B. Mullikin, Trappe, Md.:

6 bars toilet soap; 1 doz. safety pins.

From Mrs. Alex Ross, Oxford, Mich.:

by her S. S. class, Raydeth Smith, Maxine Bentley, Oline Boomer, Emma Miller, Frances Bailey, Glenna Hanes, Daisy Hanes, Olga Jacobs, Samantha Lemon, Dorothy Lemon, 32 small boxes of candy.

From Raymond Skidmore, Parmo, Mo.:

2 new small hats.

From Verah Welch, Crab Orchard, Tenn.:

1 bundle quilt pieces.

From Mrs. R. C. Cannon, Cleveland, Tenn.:

5 1/2 lbs. cakes; 5 lbs. chocolate candy; 3 lbs. onions; 2 doz. cinnamon rolls; 3 pies; 3 small loaf cakes.

From Bro. H. L. Gillett, Cleveland, Tenn.:

5 1/2 lbs. cabbage; 1 vest; 1 coat; 2 pr. pants; 4 double blankets; 2 single wool blankets; 1 bed spread; 2 pr. pillow cases; 5 pillows. (all worn.)

From Lucile Smartt, Cleveland, Tenn.:

1 pr. low shoes; 2 small worn rompers.

From European Bakery, Cleveland, Tenn.:

16 1/2 lbs. bread; 4 cakes; 6 pies.

From Mr. Ratcliff, (Jeweler) Cleveland, Tenn.:

1 alarm clock.

From Mrs. Laura E. Miller, Cleveland, Tenn.:

1 gal. jelly.

From W. T. Aiken, (pastor) Morris-town, Tenn. the following:

From the church—5 24 lb. sacks flour; 9 small tin cans blackberries; 2 small tin cans corn; 1 large tin can apple butter; 1 large tin can spinach; 1 small can pork and beans; 1 large tin can apricots; 3 large tin cans, unlabeled; 1 large tin can hominy; 1 large tin can pumpkin; 2 large tin can tomatoes; 3 qts. jelly; 6 qts. blackberries; 4 qts. peaches; 2 qts. apples; 2 qts. apple butter; 1/2 gal. stone jar peach butter; 7 glasses jelly; 1 box oats; 1 box post toasts; 11 1/2 lbs. sugar; 2 1/2 lbs. rice; 61 lbs. dried apples; 2 lbs. candy; 1 1/2 lb. butter beans; two 5c boxes raisins; five 1/4 lb. cans B. Powder; 6 small boxes cakes; two 7 oz. boxes spaghetti; 5 bars toilet soap; 2 bars laundry soap; 2 papers pins; 2 doz. safety pins; 5 tablets; 1 worn gingham dress.

Mrs. L. B. Conway—2 qts. peaches; 1 qt. peach butter.

Forest Anderson—1 tablet; 1 doz. nice pearl buttons.

Mrs. J. B. Anderson—1 hdkf for the mother.

Ola Cowan—2 yds. gingham.

Flora Sue Anderson—1 paper pine; 1 bar toilet soap.

James Everett Anderson—6 pencils.

J. W. Smith—1 lb. sugar.

Thalie Smith—1 lb. rice.

From Dick Lewis, Mary Lewis, Virgie Lewis, Ray Lewis, Brockwell, Tenn.:

1 bar toilet soap; 1 bar laundry soap; 1/2 lb. box black pepper; 1 box matches; 1 lb. dried apples; 2 pencils; bundle quilt pieces.

From Mamie Johnson, Fernbank, Ala.:

1 new gingham dress; 1 small worn rompers; 1 small worn apron; 6 envelopes; 3 balls thread.

From Mrs. Della Mecher, Trumans, Ark.:

9 towels; 1 pr. pillow cases.

From Mrs. C. C. Clark, Lewisburg, Ky.:

1 new sheet; 1 small pr. worn shoes; bundle quilt pieces.

From Zoah McClure, Hayesville, N. C.:

28 lbs. dried apples.

From Mrs. Ollie Caldwell, Sun Burnt, N. C. the following:

Ella Queen—7 yds. gingham; 1 spool thread; 3 yds rick rack for Mother Kinsey.

Mrs. Ruff—4 boys' new waists.

Depha Phillips—3 boys' new waists.

Delpha Phillips—3 boys' new waists; 1 small new dress.

From L. Rasmussen, Summerfield, Ala.:

15 lbs. smoked meat.

CASH OFFERINGS

Mrs. Lou Lamb, Artesia, Miss. S. S. \$ 6 00

Church, Fitzgerald, Ga. 1 50

John Coombs, Sikeston, Mo. 1 87

L. L. Swan, Bowling Park, Fla. 1 00

Jim Pharr, R. 2, Dennis, Miss. 30

M. J. Hall, Akron, Ohio 7 00

Church, Pittsburg, Kans. 1 11

" Covington, La. 8 20

" Largo, Fla. 3 45

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Do you believe that Christ will come in the spirit or in the flesh when He comes to reign on earth the thousand years? Mrs. Daisy Snyder.

He will come in the body that He walked with, or in other words, His active body as was here on this earth, with the exceptions that it will be a glorified body. He showed Peter, James and John how He would appear in the Millennium kingdom. This He did on the mount of transfiguration. The disciples handled Jesus after His resurrection and He ate before them. His body went into the tomb and came out without seeing corruption. This is the body that went to heaven. Two men appeared with the disciples after Jesus ascended and said, "This same Jesus would come again in like manner as they had seen him go away."

Do you believe that the devil can heal? Mary K. Schuller.

Yes, I believe that many times he calls his spirits from the bodies of diseased persons in order to carry his point and establish his doctrine, as Paul says, "the doctrines of devils."

It is evident that Christian Scientists get some healed, yet we know that any order or cult who will not honor the atoning blood of Jesus could not be of God. Philosophy and science are the things Paul had to contend with. Philosophy and science are good in their place, but Paul said that his preaching was not with enticing words of men's wisdom but of the demonstration of the Spirit and power of God. He was determined to know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

Now this scientific crowd get some healed and the devil surely knows just how to work this. It is true that they pray and quote Scripture, but misinterpret or misapply it. The devil did that much. Jesus said to His sorrowful disciples who were very limited in their knowledge as concerning Jesus and His atoning blood that was soon to be shed, "Ye believe in God, believe also in me." This also applies to Spiritualists.

The Spiritualist people get some healed through their spiritualistic mediums. They call up the dead (?) and many times instructions have been given by the so called dead to the afflicted one whereby he may be healed. But the truth is they are healed by the aid of demons. This spiritualistic, "Mediumistic" way of healing can be nothing more than commerce with evil spirits.

The wicked witch of Endor was one of the greatest mediums that we have ever read of. She had escaped the sword of Saul, who by God's command had given orders that all witches should be put to death, but after God had forsaken Saul, Saul now resorts to the witch of Endor for comfort. You will find today the people who rely upon spiritualistic mediums, fortune tellers, etc., are those that do not know much about God.

Hypnotists get some healed. A man under hypnotic influence will perform great feats. The subjects of hypnotists may sleep for days or they may ride a bicycle for thirty-six hours without stopping. Their bodies become rigid, capable of holding several hundred pounds across the center of their body while the head and feet are placed on chairs. This is nothing more than supernatural. This class of mediums have brought about healings. What is it? Just demon influence, that's all.

Do you believe the earth will be purified with literal fire? M. K. S.

Yes, science teaches that the elements are of such a nature that just the least change would set them on fire. The elements are to melt with fervent heat and, doubtless, this same heat will also work on the earth.

Where did Elijah come from? M. K. S. The Bible does not give the names of his parents, his home was at Tishbeah, when he appeared in public. Where did Melchisedec come from? M. K. S.

I know that it has been generally understood that Melchisedec was a king who lived and reigned back in the days of Abraham, and that he was a Gentile king. Now I believe that this king was none other than Christ Himself. Christ existed with the Father from before the foundation of the world. He appeared many times to the people of this earth before He came to dwell in flesh for thirty-three and a half years among men.

In Hebrews 5:10-14, "Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. For when for a time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again . . . the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness."

Who did the writer have many things to speak of? Melchisedec.

What did he say of those things? They were hard to be uttered.

Why was it so hard to talk to them about Melchisedec? They were dull of hearing.

What did he say they should have been by this time? They should have been teachers.

But what did they yet need? Some one to teach them.

What did he say that they needed yet?

They needed to be fed with milk. What was the condition of those that had to yet use milk?

They were unskillful in the word of righteousness.

Beloved, I know that it is true that many have never been able to grasp this about Melchisedec. I am not censuring you because you can't understand these words that are hard to be uttered, but you just keep looking and presently it will appear like the picture sometimes appears on a blank card.

Jesus said, "Abraham rejoiced to see my day." The Jews didn't understand it. He said further, "And he saw it and was glad." Yes, actually saw Jesus and was glad. They said, Jesus was not yet fifty years old and how could he see Abraham, Jesus told them that before Abraham lived that He was. Well at what place did Abraham see him? See Gen. 14:18. Melchisedec met Abraham coming from the battle and gave him bread and wine. Jesus often fed the people. Melchisedec blessed Abraham. Then Abraham paid tithes to Melchisedec a tithe of all the spoil. Hebrews 7:6 says, "But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises." I want to ask, if this Melchisedec was a Gentile king how could he bless Abraham? What right did he have to receive the tithes from the man of God? How did he know about the promise to Abraham?

I say an ordinary man never would have been able for these things. Verse 7 says, "Without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better." Was this a Gentile king and better than Abraham? I say "no." No king of this earth could ever compare with the father of the faithful. So this Melchisedec was some great one. Well who is this great one? Hebrews 7:1 says that he was the king of Salem. Also the priest of the most high God. Verse 2 says, on being interpreted meant the "King of righteousness." Could a Gentile king be the King of righteousness? No, none but Jesus could answer to this. It further said, He is the "king of peace." Who is the king of peace but Jesus? Now the writer of Hebrews says at verse 4, "Now consider how great this man was unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoil."

Reader, do you get a glimpse of the greatness of this man? He who was without father or mother, beginning of days or ending of life. You say, did not Jesus die? My answer is, only that part begotten by the Holy Ghost, born of the flesh died, but that part which was with God the Father and the Holy Ghost from the beginning of all things and was equal with God, had no beginning of days or ending of life.

Jesus said, "Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth."

"When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the deep."

"When he gave the sea his decree, . . . when he appointed the foundations of the earth."

"Then I was with him, as one brought up with him; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him." Prov. 8:25, 26, 29, 30.

Now one more scripture. Hebrews 7:3 from the Syriac. "That after the likeness of the Son of God, his priesthood remaineth forever." Other words, the priesthood of Melchisedec remains forever." The same as the statement made of Christ.

NOTICES

We would like for a Church of God preacher and workers to come to Pell City, Ala. We are badly in need of a revival. Any one wishing to come, write Lillie Manning, clerk. W. A. Walker, Piedmont, Ala.

To the Churches of God in Virginia: There will be a convention at Lynchburg, April 26-29 and one at Pulaski, May 1-4.

Our General Overseer, A. J. Tomlinson will be in charge. Representatives are expected from each church.

Lovingly, J. A. Davis, Pulaski, Va.

As I have been appointed pastor of the Church of God near Bridgeboro, Ga., I would like to get in communication with some of the members in regard to the announcing of the services. I can go on the second and third Sundays. Please write me. G. L. Sumner, R. 1, Omega, Ga.

There will be an all day memorial service at Crumleys Chapel, the second Sunday in May.

The district pastor, Brother W. A. Walker, is expected to be there. A cordial invitation is extended to all. We are expecting a good time in the Lord. Your sister in Christ, Mrs. W. M. Blake, Heflin, Ala.

There will be an all day meeting at Morristown, Tenn., April 29, 1923. We are expecting to observe the Lord's supper and foot washing on that day.

We hope to have our state overseer, M. W. Letsinger, and other able preachers to be with us. We also expect all the churches on the Morristown district to attend. Everybody is invited to this love feast. W. T. Aiken, district pastor, Morristown, Tenn.

To All the Churches and Workers in North Carolina: I have broken down in my body and am leaving the state for a while until I can regain my health.

I have left Brother G. T. Stargel to look after the work until I get better. I will still hold the oversight of the work, but he will help me and will have power to settle any thing with my help. So you call on him when you need help. His address is R. 2, Middlesex, N. C. I desire your prayers that I may soon recover so I can get back to my work.

Lovingly, Geo. T. Brouty, R. 2, Neptune, Tenn.

To the members of the Church of God in the Alabama City District: The district meeting will convene at Alabama City, Ala., April 13-15. These services will begin on Friday night and continue through the fifteenth.

We expect to have a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Let all the people in the district be present that can. Come praying and believing. Jesus said on one occasion, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:23. Let's pray and believe.

Yours in His service, W. S. Wilmon, R. 5, Oneonta, Ala.

The Corinth district No. 1 comprises the following counties: Benton, Tippah, Alcorn, Tishomingo, Prentiss, Union, Lee, Itawamba and Monroe.

If there are any in this district who want a meeting this year let us hear from you and if any true blue Church of God preacher feels like coming over this way you have a hearty welcome. If you come write and let me know where your meeting will be.

Now, just a word to the churches: I hear some complaint about things going on so long until it hurts. I am sure you are right but listen! Do your talking to the guilty party and try to restore him but if in vain after you go the Bible way, then be ready when I come and the church can take it up. Remember we are dealing with souls and whatsoever we sow we are sure to reap. God help us. Yours in His service, B. O. Funderburk, district overseer, Red Bay, Ala.

To the Members of the Church of God at Youngs Creek: No doubt you remember the notice in the Evangel last November by Lester Lay, stating that the church at Smyrna was transferred to Youngs Creek schoolhouse.

Now, as we have transferred several members from Stonefield and Shady Grove churches and we want to receive them into the church at Youngs Creek and appoint a treasurer, besides attending to some other business we will call the church in conference, Saturday night, April 28, D. V. We want all the members to be present at this conference. If you can't come please write us concerning your spiritual condition. We want to get the church organized. This is written by order of the state and district overseers.

Humbly your pastor, L. A. Moxley, R. 1, Holcomb, Miss.

To My Many Friends Who Are Soliciting My Service in Camp Meetings and Revival Work—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I take this opportunity to notify you that I am obligated to the church at Cleveland, Tenn., as pastor and as I believe in people sticking to their work I will have to say that I cannot comply with your requests. God bless you. I sure would be glad to assist you but will have to ask you to let me off.

However, I will say to the overseer of Mississippi, if you will get the deacons and church to agree to it, I will hold your state camp meeting for you. You can write Fred Chambers, Andy Lawson or D. W. Haworth.

To all others asking for meetings I refer you to T. L. McLain and wife who are ready to enter the evangelistic field. Be sure and get them both to come. You will know why you need them both after the meeting is over.

They have not asked me to do this neither are they dependent on this for meetings. I just want you to have a good meeting.

We have been together in several meetings and I must say they make a fine team to work with. God bless you all.

Thy brother, J. B. Ellis, Cleveland, Tenn.

IN MEMORY OF

BOON

The death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Willie Boon on Feb. 22, 1923 and took from them their only child, Velva Lee, age 1 year, 7 months and 2 days.

Her death was caused from poison. She suffered much pain but would look up at all times and smile.

She leaves to mourn, father, mother and a host of relatives and friends. The funeral service was conducted by Brother D. Tidwell and her body laid to rest in the New Hope Baptist church cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

We miss her but we can say as David of old, We cannot call her back but we can live a life that will enable us to meet her over yonder on

the beautiful streets.

One who loved her,

A. J. Dorman.

REYNOLDS

On January 14, 1923 the death angel visited our home and claimed our little Valaree, age 13 years and 9 months.

She underwent an operation for appendicitis in June, 1922, and never recovered. She prayed to Jesus and bore her suffering with patience.

She passed into eternity with a smile to meet Jesus and our mother and little sister. We can't see why God took her but we will understand it better by and by.

Little Valaree was a Sunday school student and liked to work for Jesus. She is survived by a father, four brothers, a sister and a host of relatives and friends.

Her sister, Hattie Reynolds, Laure, Miss.

FORTNER

On March 13 the death angel visited the home of my father, J. H. Fortner, and called him to his heavenly home, age 68 years.

He was saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God.

He bore his suffering with much patience and trusted the Lord to the end. He said he was only waiting for Him to call him home. We expect to meet him on yonder shore.

He was always first to testify and tell about this wonderful plan of salvation.

He leaves to mourn, a wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of grandchildren.

His daughter, Gillie Millwood.

WINSETT

The death angel visited the home of J. M. Winsett, Nov. 1 and claimed his wife, Martha E. Winsett, age about 54 years.

She was sick about three years but bore her suffering with patience.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist church but was a lover of all God's people and was loved by all who knew her.

It grieved our hearts to give her up but God saw fit to take her home to rest forever with Him.

She leaves to mourn, a husband, one daughter, seven stepchildren, several grandchildren and many relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Web and her remains were laid to rest in the home cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

Her granddaughters, Eula and Malissa Winsett, Austinville, Va.

DUKE

The death angel visited the home of Brady Duke, Feb. 17, 1923 and claimed his loving wife, Eula Duke, age about 31 years.

Her death was caused from lung trouble.

She was saved and sanctified. She was not a member of the Church of God but a strong believer.

She called for the saints to come and pray for her to get well if it was the Lord's will and if it was not His will she said she was willing to go. She said she wished she could have some one with her all the time to read the Bible, sing, pray and talk about the Lord.

It was wonderful to see her as she would tell the people goodbye and ask them to meet her in heaven.

She was a true wife and a good mother and will greatly be missed.

She is survived by husband, four children and many relatives and friends.

The funeral was conducted by F. M. Sensing and her body was laid to rest in the Jackson cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

One who loved her, Martha Proctor, R. 2, Chapmansboro, Tenn.

BAILEY

On Feb. 12 our beloved sister in Christ, Mrs. Tim Bailey, passed from this life to the great beyond, age 59 years, 3 months and 12 days.

She had lived a Christian life since quite young but she had enjoyed full salvation only about two years. When she saw the light on the Holy Ghost she accepted it and received the baptism, shouted the victory and died in the faith.

In the Sunday morning service she praised and magnified the name of Jesus and on her way home she was struck instantly and fell to the ground in front of the sister that was walking with her. She remained unconscious until about four o'clock the next morning when Jesus said, "It is enough, come up higher."

Her husband who has the blessing trusted her in the hands of the Lord. Her last words were, "I know we all have to die sometime and I know my time is drawing near, so I've decided to trust the Lord to the end."

She never missed an opportunity to testify for her Savior and of His love to her. She will be greatly missed.

Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, E. A. Wigginton, in her home church.

One who loved her, Vianna Free, Vardaman, Miss.

WINSETT

On March 13, 1923 the death angel came and claimed Joseph M. Winsett, age 69 years, 1 month and 15 days.

His illness lasted about three months and all was done for him that loving hands could do but God saw fit to take him home.

A few days before the Lord took him home he refused to take any medicine and said he wanted the Lord to take him home out of his suffering. He was a member of the M. E.

Why Are You Not a Preacher?

Think about that seriously. Every year you are getting older and older. You have a feeling that every next year is going to find you flashing out as something important. You wouldn't have figured five years ago today that you would be just what you are today. You thought by this time you would be a somebody that had to be reckoned with.

Why are you not a preacher? The chances for learning to preach are much better than for anything else. Because the first principle of preaching isn't words, oratory, or a high sounding name. The first principle is LOVE. Do you love the souls of sinners? Would you like to see them come to Christ? What would you do to save just one soul from hell?

Would you be willing to spend the next twelve months studying the Word of God, so that you can convince the sinner of righteousness, of power and of judgment to come, if you felt that it would bring ONE soul to Christ? or would you say, "No, it isn't worth the price." Ah, if you give but one year to preparation for gospel work, either for preaching, for leading in church work of any kind, you can count on leading MANY souls to Christ—not just one.

When Timothy had to study the Scriptures he had to write out the entire Bible by his own hand, in order to have it, or else pay some one else to do it. Today, you can get a Bible at a cost of a few cents—and you can be instructed in the Scriptures for a whole year—WITHOUT LOSING ANY PAY and the cost would be about one-tenth of what Timothy would have had to pay for a copy of the Bible alone.

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EXTRAVAGANCE A CRIME

Prudence and Frugality Taught by Jesus

J. P. Hughes

"And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of (Greek, out of) the mammon (riches) of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations." He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?" Luke 16:9-11.

The above Scripture is in connection with the illustration given by Jesus, of the rich man and the steward who had wasted his goods. This illustration is consecutive of the story of the prodigal or younger son; in which story Jesus addresses the Pharisees and scribes for the purpose of rebuking their self-righteousness and showing them God's love for the sinner. After Jesus had given the Pharisees and scribes their lesson to learn, He then comes to the disciples with a similar one for the purpose of teaching them the lesson of "prudence and frugality, or the sin of extravagance."

Prudence and Frugality are in one sense of their meaning synonymous terms. They both mean "economy" but the word "prudence" is a stronger term which also means; "carefulness, foresight, consideration or forethought."

Prior to the announcement that he should no longer be steward, prudence and frugality had not been thought of by the wasteful steward, but now, like the younger son, he comes to himself.

"What shall I do?" was the question of his mind.

"I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed. I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses." As he peered into the situation he thought of a plan by which he could save himself an abiding place by making friends with his lord's debtors; and this he began to do by discounting their bills, and his lord commended him for his wise and prudent act.

After Jesus had portrayed to His disciples the lesson concerning the wasteful steward, He then spoke the words of the text, "And I say unto you, make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations." Of course Jesus does not want His followers to be unjust with their fellow men to make friends out of the mammon of unrighteousness; but the lesson is "Prudence and frugality" or care and economy.

The wrong and fate of extravagance is obvious in both the story of the prodigal son and the unjust steward. The only difference in the two characters is that the son had wasted his own goods and the steward, the goods of the rich man. The younger son manifested penitence by his return and confession, and the steward manifested prudence by using forethought in making friends with the unrighteous mammon. The act of prudence is the part of the drama that Jesus called the attention of His disciples to, and virtually said, "You do likewise. Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness."

It is evident that the mammon of unrighteousness represents the temporal side of life. After Jesus had given the lesson as is recorded in the 6th chapter of Matthew, how that no man can serve God and mammon and that we should take no thought of what we shall eat, drink or where-withal we shall be clothed, He then uttered the following words, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Matt. 6:34. In this statement of our Lord, it is plain to be seen that He classes the mammon or temporal things as evil (unrighteous). These things, He teaches His followers not to seek after, but gives the assurance that if they will seek after God's righteousness, the temporal things will be supplied. While it is true that Jesus does not want His followers to seek after the temporal side of life, it is just as true that He does want them to take care of the temporal things after they have been supplied by the Father.

All we have comes from God. It is in Him that we live and move and have our being. Therefore, we should take care of our gifts. If a man destroys his life we say that he has done a terrible wrong to waste his life that God gave him. Then what do people do when they waste the things that God gives them to sustain life? A friend gives you a nice present and you say, "I shall take care of it because a friend gave it to me."

Why not look at our temporal blessings as being a gift from the dearest friend, and take care of them? The clothing should be taken care of as a gift from God. The food also is God's gift and should be used with care and nothing wasted. Jesus set the example of economy when He fed the five thousand and said, "Gather up the fragments that nothing be lost." John 6:15. That automobile of yours is a gift from God, and you should think of it as such. You should say of it, "I shall take care of this car for God gave it to me. I shall not wear out the tires and machinery and waste gas and oil going hither and thither seeking pleasure, or for a purpose of no profit." Remember that it was pleasure seeking that caused the younger son to spend all,

and thus sin against heaven and come to want and shame.

Extravagance is a crime that too many are guilty of. Enough money is spent each year by the people of the United States for chewing gum, tobacco and the luxuries of life to feed and clothe all the orphan children in the country and support a corps of missionaries in every heathen country on the globe. We are told by good authority that twenty million dollars have been spent in the United States in one year for chewing gum. I am sure that much more than that is spent for tobacco, besides for many other things that could be considered a waste of money.

Of course our people do not spend money for chewing gum or tobacco, but doubtless many of them are guilty of being extravagant with their means and spending money for things of no profit. "Wherefore do ye spend your money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not." Isaiah 55:2. The question is why do people spend money for things of no profit? The answer that most people give is, "They don't cost much and I ought to have a little pleasure out of what I work hard and make." It should always be remembered that pleasure was what brought want and shame to the prodigal or younger son. We should remember also that Jesus taught to save the fragments (little things).

"He that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." Any one that is just enough with a few cents to spend it carelessly for things that do not pertain to the needs of life, or unjust enough with a few fragments of food, or some old clothing that they have gotten tired of to let them go to waste, is showing the marks of a prodigal and not following close to Jesus. You do not have to go to a far country to be a prodigal. If you are spending money in pursuit of pleasure, or carelessly using your means and are extravagant with what your heavenly Father gives you, it is an evident token that you are a prodigal of the major rank.

Not a few people say that they are too poor to pay tithes and never have anything to give to the cause of the Lord. I am sure that one would not have to be in their home very long to see signs of extravagance. Poverty comes as a result of imprudence and extravagance especially not taking care for the little things. I am sure if we had all the nickels and dimes that were spent by our people during Christmas time for things of no profit, that it would go a long way toward paying off the publishing house indebtedness, if not fully pay the bill. Again, if our people would use prudence and consider what they could pay for before they bought they would not be encumbered with debt.

Prudence is a God given attribute that every one should seek for. The wise man said, that a prudent wife was from the Lord. Prov. 19:14. I do not know where the imprudent wives come from but it is evident that they are here. The wife that cannot look ahead and find a good use for the cold bread or any other fragment of food, or article of any kind about the house and will let it go to waste is not a prudent wife. She will keep her husband continually in debt and bring the family to want. Another imprudent wife is one that does not consider that she cannot dress in costly array and obey the Bible, but will spend more money for dress than is necessary, not considering other needs of the family. Now, brother reader, if your wife is of the types mentioned above, you may judge for yourself where you got her; but the prudent wife is from the Lord.

The imprudent wives are not alone in the world, for there are men also, that will give more thought to what they can buy than to what they really need and can pay for. They will spend for this and that little thing not considering that the little things grow into one big bill or debt. And thus by their imprudence they fail to obey the Lord in making friends out of the mammon of unrighteousness (temporal things) and being faithful in that which is least.

"If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?" Extravagance is a sin that if indulged in will not only bring one to want and shame in the temporal side of life, but will also deprive him of the spiritual side. Some people are so spiritually lean that they would have to walk twice in one place to make a shadow. They wonder why it is that they are so spiritually weak and have such poor results from their trying to serve the Lord. If they would examine their stock of prudence and frugality and see how far short they have come of obeying the words of Jesus, by being careless with temporal things and making debts without first knowing that they could meet their obligations I am sure the mystery would be solved.

God will not trust the deep spiritual things or gifts of the Spirit to those who do not have care and forethought enough to manage their affairs of life without continually being encumbered with debt and embarrassed to meet their creditor.

God does not want His people to suffer for the necessary things of life and if all would obey His Word there would be no beggars or bums. David in his old age said, that he had never seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread. Ps. 37:25.

And Paul tells us that God gives us all things richly to enjoy. 1 Tim. 6:17. I believe God wants us to have all we need and some to spare, and if we will use care and economy with the temporal things He gives us we will always have something to help in every good cause and prove ourselves trustworthy of the true riches.

It is just as plain to be seen that Jesus had reference to the spiritual side of life when He spoke of the true riches, as it is that the unrighteous mammon is that which pertains to the temporal side. Paul teaches us that we have redemption according to the riches of God's grace, wherein He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known to us the mystery of his will (see Eph. 1:7-9). The true riches do not stop with just the forgiveness of sin but embraces all wisdom and prudence, which makes one able to peer into the deep and hidden mysteries of God's will. The true riches are what we should be most concerned in, but Jesus said, "Who will commit to your trust the true riches" if ye are not prudent in the temporal side of life.

May God help us to obey His Word in every particular that we may have our temporal needs supplied and abound in the deeper spiritual life. Amen.

What the Junior Class is Doing in Johnston City

The junior boys of the Church of God at Johnston City, Ill., felt they ought to let the little boys of the HOME know that they have heard how they were kept and that they were fatherless and they felt it their duty to help what little they could. So please accept their Sunday school offering.

I suggested that the boys do this and we got permission from our pastor and sent the boys two pairs of shoes, ten tablets and \$2.90 in money.

Here are the names of the boys in the Junior class: Jerry Canady, Walter Felden, Otis Herington, Benie Smith, Delmer Russell, Archie Canady, John Canady, Rad Hankle, Barrie Hankle, Henry Felden, Eriven Kent, Garner Adams, Joel Adams, Curtis Cutsinger, Stanford Warn, Burl Clark and Lawrence Ramsey.

Webb McAnally, clerk, Johnston City, Ill.

God Blessing at Harlow, Ky.

Brother G. A. Fore of Williamsburg, Ky., has just closed a revival at Harlow, Ky., with great victory.

The Church of God of the Mountain Assembly which Brother Fore has been pastor of over five years came in under the government of the Church of God with headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn.

God sure did bless Brother Fore in giving out the truth with much power and boldness. There were seven saved, one sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost. Several are to be baptized in water the fourth Sunday in March.

The Lord sure is blessing the Church here in Harlow. Some one gave out a message in tongues and a sister gave the interpretation and said God was bringing His people together.

Our dear old aged sister, Emma Bryant, while dancing and praising God said she believed that God was pleased with the change. It sure is wonderful how God is letting His power fall on the Church. We ask all the saints who read this to pray for us for we are having some hard persecutions. B. H. Enix, Harlow, Ky.

How We Feel Since Our Overseer Visited North Carolina

I remember recently after the Assembly, reading in the Evangel where our General Overseer, Brother A. J. Tomlinson, would give North Carolina his first service after he left Tennessee. This was a surprise to us but we waited patiently for his arrival.

After a few days Brother and Sister Tomlinson, and workers were here at work. Surely they found plenty to do and we greatly appreciated their coming. Though they have already left the state we are sure they are not forgotten. We feel sure they did their best for us and were a blessing to many.

As he would tell us of the counties that did not have the gospel and the people that did not know about the love of Jesus in our state it seemed we wanted to do something, if it were nothing but sing a song, or pray a prayer that these dear ones might hear about Jesus.

Though we cannot sing like angels, And we cannot preach like Paul; We can tell the love of Jesus, We can tell He died for all.

I remember the last service in the meeting in Kannapolis how different ones would say they were ready to say goodbye to home, friends and loved ones and take this gospel. It seemed we all were ready to go. We are trying to do our best for the great Church of God in our town. The work is on a boom.

We now have for our pastor Brother Shanks. We are pleased with him. He is doing his best.

Since he came we began having services through the week and the Lord is blessing. Our Sunday school is the best we have ever known it to be. Brother J. C. Thomason is

superintendent. The Lord is blessing every effort.

We are in the great Church of God and have the signs and love and feel like waving the blood stained banner high.

Surely our state and others will get the gospel this year. I desire an interest in your prayers that I may be a soul winner for Jesus.

Pearl Auten, East Gastonia, N. C.

Wants to be One in That Great Number

Dear Saints of God—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am praising my Savior for saving me from my sins and sanctifying me by His precious blood. Oh, how I praise Him that it was not shed in vain for me. Glory to Jesus. And that was not all He did. Oh, that wonderful blessing when He filled me with the Holy Ghost about two years ago and He still abides. Hallelujah!

I praise Him for His healing power. It makes me feel so good to know I am a child of His. Oh, I feel like traveling on. Oh, how I love Jesus. I love Him above everything in the world. It is so sweet to trust in Him and lean on His everlasting arm.

I thank Him for the dear old Church of God which is built on the solid rock. He is coming for a Church without spot or wrinkle when He comes to gather His jewels home. They will all be one. I want to be in that great number.

Oh, it makes me feel so good to think about going home to glory where Jesus is and see Him face to face. Oh, I thank God tonight for the determination I have to press on. I am glad He ever let the light shine on my pathway and gave me a heart to accept it.

Some seem to think that all these good things we read of in the Bible were only for the apostles. But we find they are for all who want them.

People have said many times that they knew the Bible spoke of these experiences but they were just for the apostles. But they just waited too late to tell me that for I have the blessing. It is joy unspeakable and full of glory. I am going through with Jesus. Friends may forsake me here but I will look to Him who is above.

I am going through with Jesus in spite of all the devil can do. I have given up all for Him and I am determined to go through. I love to serve Jesus while in this world I stay. I want my life to be just like Him and be ready for the judgment day.

This is a persecuted way. All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecutions. "Marvel not my brethren, if the world hate you." 1 John 3:13.

I can rejoice for I know that I have passed from death unto life and I am not of the world. "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." John 15:19.

I am glad I am on victory's side. I am moving on toward heaven and the love of God is moving and the little wheel keeps turning in my heart. Praise God forever.

Soon the time is coming when we will have to go before the judgment bar of God and be judged according to the deeds done in the body. I am so glad that God's children do not fear the judgment because they have found the resting place sure and steadfast. Glory to Jesus.

Oh, if I could tell the story just as I feel it in my heart but as in the words of the song "The half has never been told." Bless His precious name.

We are living in a time and age when every move, act and word ought to count for God.

I want to keep Jesus for my headlight and I know if I do that He will lift me up above the shadows. He is all in all to me and I feel like traveling on.

I want every saint that reads this to pray for me to be a light for Jesus at home or wherever I may be and that I may bring my little boy up in the way that would be pleasing in the sight of the Lord and that I will be humble at the foot of the cross.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Emma Vester, R. 2, Nashville, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

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State Convention, Miami, Fla.

Since the falling of the latter rain I have never witnessed such a meeting as the convention which just closed at the Miami Church of God, Mar. 15-18, 1923.

Thursday, Mar. 15, at 2 P. M. the praise service was opened by singing, Wonderful Love and after several other songs of praise we all fell on our faces in concert prayer and thanksgiving to God for all things and in bringing to us our General Overseer and helpers. With Sister Mamie E. Richardson at the piano we sang I'm Finding Glory All Along the Way. This was followed by Close Fellowship and words of greeting to the General Overseer and his helpers, the congregation standing. Then followed the Welcome Addresses by the pastor, Thos. J. Richardson, Mamie E. Richardson, David La Fleur and J. R. Smith. All present felt comfortably at home.

At 3:30 P. M. the General Overseer, A. J. Tomlinson, opened the convention. He read for a Scripture lesson the twelfth chapter of Romans. Words fall me to describe this wonderful hour of the opening of the convention. Suffice it to say as the General Overseer commented on this Scripture and others with such simplicity and power sent down from heaven that we were all made to believe that we were presented unto the Lord a living sacrifice, holy, which at the ending of the message the dear Lord seemed to have accepted as He sent His approval on our sacrifice with power and demonstration and glory, with talking in tongues and dancing under the mighty power of God. Just at this time the overseer suggested that they sing, O I Want to See Him, and truly the whole congregation was tuned up to give praise with this song. And when we all came back for truly it seemed that we had been away somewhere—hallelujah!

Then the overseer for the colored work called the roll of churches and their response was as follows: Bpuna Vista 7; Boynton 3; Coconut Grove 4; Dania 6; Ft. Lauderdale 25; Gifford 4; Hallandale 7; Homestead 8; Jupiter 2; Jacksonville—; Miami 140; Orlando 1; Sanford 1; St. Petersburg—; West Palm Beach 5; Wildwood—; Winter Garden—; Yehala—; Citra—; Clermont—. Total number present about 213.

At night the crowd greatly increased and the General Overseer gave out the message, taking for his text, James 4:10, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

Needless to say that this was a very great night for the saints and friends of this city as this great man of God broke unto us the bread of life from this and other Scriptures.

Friday, March 16, after the praise service Brother John H. Curry filled the sacred desk with Brother G. C. Sapp accompanying him. Brother Curry always has something good to bring to his congregation. His text was John 4:35, "Say no ye. There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest; behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." As our brother opened to us this Scripture and others we were made to see the whiteness of the fields and their readiness to harvest and the scarcity of laborers as never before.

Brother Sapp who had just entered into the harvest in "full about one month ago told us about his consecration and success in the work on the West Coast. It was very interesting.

Sister Izola Irwin who has been with us about a month gave a few brief remarks which we enjoyed.

The crowd still increased and by night it had grown into a multitude and the testimonies and praises were wonderful. Then the overseer gave out the message with much power and several came to the altar and were wonderfully blessed.

Saturday was indeed a great day. At 11 A. M. Brother Borrow brought us the message on, The Superiority of the Christ from Hebrews 2. The entire day was filled with power and glory from the presence of the Lord.

At night the General Overseer brought to us that wonderful charge of Paul to Timothy, "Fight the good fight of faith." This message went forth with power and much enthusiasm. We all saw the need of fighting and contending vigorously for the most holy faith for truly these are the last days. Something was said in this message that gave us a glimpse into the very last charge we will have to make and truly without being fully awakened to the hour many will not be able to go through. Sunday was the last day of this great meeting and I have not the words to begin to describe this great day in Zion. The people were here like a great multitude.

At 11:30 A. M. Thos. Richardson, the pastor, brought to us the message, taking for his text, Jude 20, 21, "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost. Keep yourselves in the love of God, for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. This was indeed a great hour for all present as much emphasis was placed on the most holy faith.

At 3:30 P. M. the General Overseer answered some questions that had been handed in by the Question Committee which was very interesting. After this he gave a short message and then the evening service was graced by an ordination of two. Brothers John H. Curry and J. D. Williams, Brother Curry was ordained bishop and Brother Williams was ordained deacon. This truly was a most venerable occasion. Now we come to the last service which was

Sunday night and truly this service was running over with glory. And about all I can say is that truly our heart burned within us while he talked with us and opened to us the Scriptures.

Yours for the faith, Mamie E. Richardson.

A Wonderful Convention in the Bahamas

To the Saints Scattered Abroad—Greeting:

This is to let you hear from the part of the body over on the Bahamas.

Our second convention has come and gone. To say it was a success seems to be too small a word to express it for it was GREAT.

The saints were watching, waiting and longing for the General Overseer to come. It seemed almost to good to be true, but he did come and a week sooner than we had expected.

After one night's rest Brother Tomlinson and Brother and Sister Evans began a meeting which lasted until the convention convened. It would have melted you to tears to hear the dear ones testify. The first night in their testimonies they said that they never expected to see Brother Tomlinson in mortal flesh but they thanked God that their eyes could look on his face. I feel like the first night must have paid him for his trip.

Brother Eneas, the pastor of the church in Nassau, went to have a notice put in the paper to advertise the convention and the editor handed him a paper with Brother Tomlinson's picture in it and a glowing account of the convention. Some one had taken a snap shot of him the first day and put the notice in the paper.

The saints also fell in love with Brother and Sister Evans. Some of the girls wanted to keep Sister Evans here but Brother Evans wouldn't agree to it.

I have heard Brother Tomlinson preach at camp meetings and talk at Assemblies but he surely must have saved the best for the dear ones here. Well, God bless their dear hearts, I feel like they deserved it.

The convention has caused me (if it can be possible) to love the people here better than I ever have. I did not have any plans arranged for the convention but God took it and planned it for us. Praise His name forever. Everything worked out in perfect order. The Lord surely helped Brother Tomlinson to give out the teaching. And then there were the night and altar services but you would have had to have been present to understand it. They were great. It brought streams of joy and glad shouts that were heard for blocks away. It was wonderful to see the glad souls coming through to God.

Well, it is over and Brother Tomlinson and Brother and Sister Evans have gone but they have carried the love of so many hearts with them that they will never be able to forget them.

I was asked if I wanted to go with them and I told them, no, but you know when I thought that they would soon be over in the homeland and see my dear ones and have the comforts over there it made me swallow a little choking in the throat. Just a little pain in the heart, a few lonely days, but—well, remember me and the others away from home and loved ones every Foreign Mission day. God bless you all. May we all meet in the sky.

Yours in the work for the Master, Milton Padgett, Nassau N. P., Bahamas.

Hungry Hearts in Oregon

Dead Saints Scattered Abroad—Greeting in the Precious Name of Jesus: I want to praise the Lord for the sweet peace there is in my soul just now. The Comforter still abides and speaks for Himself. Praise the Lord. He has been blessing me wonderfully since I have been at this place.

I have a chance to tell many people about Jesus that have never known anything about His power. I am the only one here that has the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance and the only one that belongs to the Church of God. I am glad to know that I am a member of the Church that Jesus said the gates of hell should not prevail against. I love her rules and government.

I am glad for the humble spirit that Jesus gave me that makes me love to obey those who have the rule over me.

There are many hungry hearts here, some of them are sanctified. Oh, how they need a good shepherd to feed them.

Saints, I want to ask each one to pray a special prayer for the doctor's wife here. She has a cancer and is given up to die by all the doctors.

We went to see her and had prayer with her. She said she was saved and looking to the Lord to help her.

This dear woman wants to live to raise her three small children if it is the Lord's will.

If there is anyone who can come and hold a meeting for us please write me. We sure need your help.

Mrs. H. E. Webb, Westport, Ore.

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